

24th Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day Held on September 20, 2008
Presented by the California Coastal Commission

Tens of thousands of Californians scoured our beaches, shorelines, and inland locations to pick up trash and debris, covering over 750 sites and gathering hundreds of tons of trash.

The Delta Protection Commission took part in the California Coastal Commission's 24TH Annual California Coastal Cleanup Day. Beach, inland waterway, and community cleanups took place up and down the California coast, from Mexico to the Oregon border, around San Francisco Bay, and at sites as far inland as Lake Tahoe and the Salton Sea.

Delta Protection Commission sponsored three sites which included Clarksburg Boat Launch Ramp in Yolo County, Rio Vista Pier in Solano County, and Hog Island in San Joaquin County.

Statistics for Delta Protection Commission sponsored sites:
45 Volunteers including 14 Sea Scouts,
And over 300 pounds of Trash/Recyclables

Statewide count stands at 63,482 volunteers,
This sets a new record for volunteer turnout.
Those volunteers picked up 814,154 pounds of trash
And an additional 132,277 pounds of recyclable materials,
for a total of 946,431 pounds.

As occurs every year, some unusual items were found throughout California. The Winners of the *2008 Most Unusual Item contest* were:

- Coastal California: A volunteer in San Luis Obispo found a 52-pound bag of dog hair.
- Inland California: A volunteer in San Joaquin County found a family of crawdads living in a purse.

For the past five years, California Coastal Cleanup Day has shown steady growth in both volunteer and debris totals, and the initial results from 2008 look to continue this trend.